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Touhy Avenue Closure in Des Plaines for Union Pacific Railroad Crossing Repairs

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that a closure will take place on Touhy Avenue (Illinois 72) between Elmhurst Road and Mount Prospect Road, in Des Plaines, beginning, weather permitting, Monday, Sept. 12. The closure is necessary for the Union Pacific Railroad to make repairs to its crossing on Touhy Avenue.

In order to complete the work, Touhy Avenue will be closed at the Union Pacific Railroad tracks immediately west of Mount Prospect Road until no later than Sept. 22. Touhy Avenue will remain open to local traffic from the west between Elmhurst Road and the railroad tracks.

A detour will direct eastbound Touhy Avenue traffic north on Elmhurst Road, east on Oakton Street and south on Mount Prospect Road to reconnect with Touhy Avenue. Westbound traffic will take the reverse route. The detour does run through a work zone with lane closures at the Elmhurst Road and Oakton Street intersection as part of the Illinois Tollway's reconstruction of the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (Interstate 90) and Elmhurst Road interchange.

Motorists can expect significant delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com.

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